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SUBJECT: ALLEGED UNAUTHORIZED OVERFLIGHT OF IRAQI AIRSPACE

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED ANOTHER DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM THE
IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTRY ALLEGING YET ANOTHER UNAUTHORIZED
OVERFLIGHT (THE FIFTH IN RECENT WEEKS) OF IRAQI AIRSPACE.
NOTE ALLEGES THAT "AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT, REGISTRATION
NO. N 8 4 0 5 9, TYPE 'C V 8 8 ' INTERED, ON THE MORNING
OF 21-12-1976, THE IRAQI AIRSPACE, COMING FROM THE
AIRSPACE OF SYRIA -- ON ITS WAY FROM MALTA TO ABADAN,
WITHOUT OBSERVING THE RULES PUBLISHED IN THE IRAQI
AVIATION GUIDE. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY REQUESTS THE EMBASSY
TO ADVISE THE AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ABOUT THE FOREGOING FOR NECESSARY ACTION, AND TO EMPHASIZE
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TO THE COMPANY, THE NECESSITY TO ABIDE BY THE SAID
RULES AND THE NONREPETITION OF SUCH INCIDENTS -- IN
ORDER TO AVOID THE PROBABILITY OF EXPOSING THE AIRCRAFT
AND ITS PASSENGERS TO DANGER".

2. WE HAVE REPLIED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SAYING THE
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED INCIDENT HAS BEEN

REFERRED TO APPROPRIATE U.S. AUTHORITIES, AND ASKING
THE MINISTRY FOR ANY FURTHER DETAILS.

3. COMMENT, WE HAVE NO IDEA OF WHAT THE BACKGROUND MAY
BE OF THIS SPATE OF NOTES FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
CONCERNING ALLEGED UNAUTHORIZED OVERFLIGHTS. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH ADDRESSEES MIGHT PROVIDE.
IF ALLEGED OVERFLIGHTS ARE REAL, THE CAUSE IS PROBABLY
MISUNDERSTANDING OF IRAQI PROCEDURES FOR SEEKING OVER-
FLIGHT AUTHORIZATIONS. WE WOULD LIKE TO CLEAR UP ANY
MISUNDERSTANDINGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PREVENT ANY
RECURRENCE.
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